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### BARRAGE OF GAS SHELLS SWEEPS **AMERICAN LINE**

Streets of Wrecked Village. Chase Them Into Houses.

INCIDENTS OF GALLANTRY

Machine Guns Heroically Attack and Bring Down Airplanes.

Gallantry Displayed by American Boys' in Hand-to-Hand Conflict With Enemy.

(International News Service.) With the American Army in France, April 21—(7 p. m.)—The all-day fight on Saturday between American and French soldiers and 12,000 German troops on the sector northwest of Toul will go down in history as the battle of Seiche-

(Seicheprey is the name of the village into which the Germans forced their way only to be driven out by strong counter-attacks. The French war office in its report on Sunday night stated that the German assault against the American and French positions has failed and that the aliied lines had been completely re-established.)

The bormbardment which preceded the German attack was said to be as heavy as any that the Germans laid down in their offensive at Verdun. A terrific barrage of gas shells swept the American lines before the Germans drove forward in three columns.

The main attack was aimed Seicheprey village. American infan-trymen supported by machine guns met the foe in the streets and narrow byways and pursued them into the wrecked houses. The village had long ago been evacuated by the civilian population owing to repeated bom-bardments. The buildings-resembling a shattered sepulchre-furnished a dramatic background for the en-

Fought With Pistol.

There were numerous instances of extraordinary gallantry on the part of the Americans. An infantry offi-cer nicknamed "machine gun." fought with his pistol alongside of his men. Another after emptying his automatic grabbed a rifle from a wounded priyate and stood in the open firing at the Germans. Then he began throwing grenades at them. Other officers showed equal bravery.

Heroic Service.

Three Americans in charge of a machine gun at another point in the battle kept their post, although they had been ordered to retire owing to their hazardous position. They attacked two German airplanes and kept firing until both were down. The airplanes were flying low in an attempt to destroy battery positions. When the hours of hard fighting they found the Germans had arranged mine traps, stringing wires across the streets. Anyone who stumbled over the wire eet off large boxes of explosives. A wounded German was found in an alley groaning and oalling "kamerade." When Americans approached he pulled a wire which exploded a num-ber of grenades. The wounded German was taken to a hospital where he later died. Two or three mortally wounded Germans were captured.

Couriers were compelled to make their way through a triple bar-rage. One reached headquarters in hysterical condition and gasped:
"I'm not yellow, am I? You
don't think I'm a quitter because
I act this way. It is my fight you
know. Did I deliver my message
all right? That's good."
Then be swooned Then he swooned

The bravery of the men man-ning the machine guns and artil-lery was praised by their superior Although the shells were raining all

about them the men remained cool methodically loaded and fired the guns. They were without food rest but that mattered not to

The fearlessness of the American drivers was one of the high-lights of the battle. One young American driver who had served as a volunteer in the French army said: "The bombardment in Saturday's

fight was as bad as anything I ever heard at Verdun. The thing that thrilled was the way the Americans drove their ambulances right amongst the fighters to get the wounded back. They took awful chances. The fortiwounded was wonderful. They may have mounded slightly but there was not one word of complaint as we hustled them to the hospital. The only thing one noticed was the way 'hey gripped the sides of the litter

#### yow and then. DOZEN TRIPS.

"I made a dozen trips over the road that the enemy shelled all day and I thought that every trip just ahead of my car several times I cannot say too much for those in charge of the signal men. Communication was cut time and again but the men always fined up the wires. It was a thrilling sight to see them calmly ruffing cigarettes as they patched up the breaks and with German shells falling all around them. I saw chaps flirting with death on all sides with utter indifference. They worked as if there was not any such thing as

"I saw one fellow badly wounded in 'Don't bother too much about me, fellows," he exclaimed, 'Just hustle to the hospital so ' cen get fixed up to get at those Huns again.

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# **HUNS RESUME PICARDY FRONT**

Sammies Meet Boches in the British Improve Positions a Villers-Bretonneux and Albert.

> Lines in Robecq Sector. REPULSE GERMAN ATTACKS

Enemy Violently Shells British

Field Marshal Haig's Forces Deliver Attacks Throwing Germans Out of Posts.

(International News Service.) London, April 22.-British positions on both the Picardy and Flanders battle fronts were improved during the night.

The war office reported today that the British had strengthened and evidently extended their lines in the sector of Villers Bretenneux, east of Amiens, Robecq and Al-

Early in the night the Germans delivered an attack in the sector of Mesnil, and, after sharp fight-ing, forced their way into British

advanced posts.

Successful British raids were carried out at points north and south of Lens, capturing prisoners

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German artillery was active along the Somme river.

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"There was considerable activity en both sides at different points on the front.

"The Germans bombarded our lines, directing their fire chiefly against our positions on both sides of the Somme and Ancre rivers and the sectors of Lens, Festubert and the Nieppe forest."

The Germans are preparing for fresh attacks on both the Flanders and Picardy fronts. Men have been massed and guns have been moved up for a resumption of the assaults.

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strengthened all along the line, and the outcome of the forthcoming fighting is awaited with the utmost confidence. The pause which settled down or the battlefields has continued, and the operations on Sunday were confined to

local enterprises.
In the sector of Robecq, five and s half miles northwest of the British railhead position of Bethune, Field Marshal Haig's forces delivered a local

attack, which threw the Germans out of some of their posts.

German artillery has been active in that area and the British positions have been violently shelled.

It was immediately southeast of

Robecq that the Germans made a series of unsuccessful attacks in an effort to break the British lines on La Bassee canal and force their way into Bethune. The assaults were centered in the zone between Robecq and Locon, and, although made in great

force, were entirely repulsed.

There has been no further infantry actions on the Picardy front, at latest reports, but there was heavy shelling east and southeast of Amiens, which ndicated another series of attacks. The German war office, in its report on Sunday night, merely said that

there was nothing new.
It has been thirty three days since the Germans began their drive toward Amiens, and thirteen days since the twin offensive in the north developed.

### ORDER REARGUMENT VIRGINIA DEBT CASE

Supreme Court's Power to Enforce Judgment to Be Heard Next February.

Washington, April 22.—The supreme court today ordered a reargument of proceedings instituted by the state of Virginia to compel West Virginia to pay a judgment of \$12,393,000 resulting from a suit to collect Virginia's civil was date.

The question of the court's power to enforce the judgment will be especially considered in the argument which will be heard next February. In announcing this opinion Chief Justice White declared that under the construction there is no reason why West Virginia should not pay the judgment and if no effort is made to meet the obliga-tion that the court reserved the right to appoint a master to investigate the financial situation in West Virginia and its taxable resources with a view of enforcing the judgment.

### GREAT BRITAIN SELF-SUPPORTING—BONAR LAW

Chancellor So Declares in Intro ducing Budget in House of Commons.

London, April 22.-Chancellor Bonar Law, introducing the budget in the house of commons today announced that in the last year Great Erltain had advanced 505,000,000 pounds to the en-

"It is only necessary for us" he lars to put trade balances was passed ambulance back and forth.
"The boches sure wasted a bunch of the amount the other allies lean on us. anwedness. It has been passed by In other words we are self-support-

# British Advance Lines Slightly On

### **Hundred Killed in Action**

Canadian List Contains 655 Names Mississippian Is Among Wounded.

(Associated Press.) Ottawa, Ont., April 22.-The Canadian casualty list for the week ending today contains 655 names. Of these 100 were killed in action, 30 died of wounds and 341 were wounded. The remainder were made up of gassed, missing and ill. H. Wall, of Liberty, Miss., is listed among the wounded.

# SANTA FE ROAD **SHOPS DAMAGED**

Machinery and Windows Show Effects Earthquake-Chimneys Toppled at Riverside.

(International News Service.)
San Bernardino, Cal., April 22.—Machinery in the Santa Fs road shops was damaged and forty windows in the business and residential regions of the city were broken by the earthquake. The damage in this city is estimated at \$2,000.

(International News Service.) Riverside, Cal., April 22.—While this city was rocked the principal damage was the toppling of chimneys at the Grant school building and the falling of plaster in the Universalist church and numerous residences. and numerous residences. No one was injured.

(International News Service.) Beaumont, Cal., April 22.—Damage here was confined to the miscellaneous loss of glassware and crockery. Four hundred dollars worth of drugs were destroyed at Robert Fulton's pharmacy when drug receptacles were thrown to

### **ZOLLNER CASE NOT TO** BE TRIED THIS TERM

district Attorney W. T. Ken nerly Says it Will Not Even Go to Grand Jury.

"Baroness Zollner will not be placed on trial at this term of fed-eral court," said District Attor-ney W. T. Kennerly Monday afternoon in answer to a direct question put by a News reporter. "The case will not even go to the grand jury, and if there are further de-velopments in all likelihood they will be handled elsewhere."

Mr. Kennerly made this statement during a brief recess of the court, and the reporter had no opportunity to ask further questions. His statement is taken to mean, however, that in the event the baroness faces espionage charges they will be made directly by charges they will be made directly by the department of justice at Washington and the case would likely be heard to and the case would likely be heard. ton and the case would likely he heard in New York, where the leading figure in Chattanooga's recent sensation is now living under surveillance of federal BU authorities.

### FOE TAKES ADVANTAGE OF MOONLIGHT-MAKES RAID H. J. Bergaron.

Artillery Active East of Arras and on Both Sides of

(Associated Press.) With the British Army in France, April 22.—Taking advantage of the J. L. Mattingly. James T. Welch moonlight, the Germans at 10 o'clock last night made a strong, but unsuccessful attack against the British po-sitions north of Aveluy wood, on the front above Albert. Heavy, fighting continued until 4 o'clock this morning. The Germans appear to have taken one British outpost and to have lost ground themselves elsewhere in the wood. The assault was preceded by a heavy bombardment, and the fire on both sides kept up most of the night There was active artillery fighting throughout Sunday east of Arras and on both sides of the Scarpe. The bompardment at Villers-Bretenneux and surrounding territory was also continued. The British improved their lines somewhat in the neighborhood of

### INTER-ALLIED WAR COMMITTEE CONTINUED

Villers-Bretonneux

Washington, April 22. The Versailes inter-allied war committee, accord-ing to an official dispatch from France today, is henceforth to be constituted as follows: President, Gen. Belin, for France; members, Gen. Sackville-West, for Great Britain; Gen. Dirobilant, for Italy, and Gen. Bliss, for the United States.

### SILVER BULLION BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Washington, April 22.-The administration bill authorizing the melting into bullion of \$150,000,000 silver dolthe senate and now goes to the presi-

# Through the Flanders Mud

Both Principal Battle Fronts



This picture shows a group of Tommies crossing a footpath laid over a muddy Flanders field. Note the gas masks slung ready for instant use. It is over flat, low country like this that the Germans

# TWO MCRE EARTH SHOCKS ALARM CALIFORNIA FOLK

San Jacinto, Cal., April 22.—Two than here. Loose bricks, tottering more earthquake shocks shock Hemet walls and wreckage hanging precariand San Jacinto today at 9:07 a.m., ously were loosened by the new shocks and 9:14 a.m. The earth movement and fell, adding to the general ruin in seemed more prenounced at Hemet the business districts.

### CASUALTY LIST TODAY CONTAINS 71 NAMES-10 KILLED, 5 DEAD OF WOUNDS, AND 49 WOUNDED

(Associated Fress.) Washington, April 22 .- The casualty list today contained 71 names, divided as follows: Killed in action, 10; died of wounds, 5; died of accident, 1; died of disease, 4; other causes. 2; wounded, 7;

wounded slightly, 42. The men killed in action are all privates. Lieut. Stanley Huguenin died of accident, and Lieuts. Marland C. Hobbs, George Peck, Arlie Alfred Schardt and Edward B. Wilcox were slightly wounded. The list follows:

Killed in Action. PRIVATES. John J. Larkin. John F. Slaton

Grover K. Tanner,

Died of Wounds. CORPORAL Frank B. Amaral. PRIVATES.

H. J. Bergaron. C. A. Henry. Walker Hammet. Leroy S. Wells. Died of Accident.

LIEUTENANT. Stanley Huguenin. Died of Disease. SERGEANT CORPORAL.

Theodore Peck,

Died of Other Causes Unexplained. PRIVATES. Arthur William.

Wounded Severely SERGEANT. Edward G. Smith. Joseph Thifault. PRIVATES.

John L. Brock. Wm. J. Dillon. A. A. Flescher. C. H. Harrington. George Kertcher.

Wounded Slightly.

LIEUTENANTS.

Marland G. Hobbs, Arlie A. Schardt.
George Peck. Edward B, Wilcox.
CORPORALS.
R. S. Albackil T. J. Barry.
W. B. Boardman. PRIVATES.
John V. Benőit. Harold Harold McDonald. E. L. McFadden. Harold W. Berry. Chas. F. McLean. L. J. McNamara. Glen H. Cole.

S. J. Conkery. E. L. Dambruch! F. B. Moreau r. N. Elukevich. Joseph Nuzsky. D. J. O'Leary. Geo. W. Russell John Fraso. Charles Germain. Frank St. John. Phillip H. Goss. E. A. Sheldon. Harry Gould, Chas, J. Hogan, E. B. Killton, Chas. J. Sheridan. F. M. Sincoski. G. H. M. Thompso Jos. A. Lacoy. Aron Torsian Oclide Lavelle. Armand Lemieux. Peter Viola

L. R. Loveland, Alfred S. Yaffe. Pasquale Ferrugano. Previously Reported Missing, Now Reported Killed.

MAJOR. Raynal Cawthorne Bolling?

Maj. Bolling Killed. The list carried the first official in-

formation that Maj. R. C. Bolling had been killed. In a previous list he reported as missing in action, although later, Assistant Secretary of State Phillips, his brother-in-law, was informed in a spatch from the Am rican embassy at Paris can embassy at Paris a his body had been found will a bullet wound through the heart.

### Illinois Senator Speaks in Birmingham

(International News Service.) Birmingham, Ala., April 22,-Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, who has been campaigning in the south in the interests of the third liberty loan, will address a Birmingham audience on this subject Monday night at 8 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church, Senator Lewis arrived in Birmingbam Sunday night and spent Monday morning on an automobile tour of the

### FAIR, SAYS BILLY 'POSSUM



Birmingham district.

I blink I'll just tell Grace to just give me the sugive me the mamas to I can pick

bue trengrabenerruchtungskrut-

### Negro Lynched by Mob; Had Shot Louisianian

(Associated Press.) Monroe, La., April 22.-Clyde Will-

liams, a negro held in fail at Fawndale, near here, awaiting trial on charges of shooting C. L. Tohmas, Missouri Pacific station agent at Fawndale, several weeks ago, was lynched by a mob early today, according to reports re-ceived here. The m.b., it was stated, broke into the jail, took Williams to a tree n ar the town are hanged him. Thomas was shot in the head with a shotgun through a window a hile seated at his desk in the railroad station. The aight of both eyes war, stroyed.

### **Editor of The Masses** Declares His Loyalty

you're all New York April 22. That he is as settons occurred along the whole front, as, the word is loyal to the United States as any man mys today's war office report.

### SEDITION BILL Declares Chamberlain Measure

**WILSON OPPOSES** 

**Would Place United States** on Level With Enemies.

(Associated Press.) Washington, April 22.—President. Wilson came out today in opposition to the Chamberlain bill, which would try violations of the sedition laws by court-martial, and in a letter to Senator Overman, of North Careline, declared his ball of North he measure is unconstitutional.

If enacted, the president declared, the bill would place the United States on a level with its enemies. The mea-sure, he said, is opposed to the spirit Enactment of the Chamberlain bill lery activity on both sides on different has been urged before the senate mili-tary committee as necessary to stamp my's shelling has been directed chiefout German propaganda, Vigorous op- ly against our positions, astride the position to its passage has been de- Somme and Ancre rivers, in the Leps veloping, and Senator Borah has sector, in the neighborhood of Festu-sought support of senate leaders in his bert and in the Nieppe forest. efforts to defeat it.

The bill has not had the support of the d partment of justice and Charles Warren, assistant attorney-general, resigned last week after, it was said, his advocacy of the measure failed to receive the support of the attorney

general. Will Not Compromise.

In his letter to Senator Overman the president also indicated that he would not compromise with opponents advocating amendment of the Overman bill which proposes a broad general grant of power to reorganize government de-

Borah in Opposition. Senator Borah renewed his opposttion to the Chamberlain bill in the senate today, charging that "political Pharisees supporting it before the senate military committee had given the impression that America's farming population is disloyal." Farmers, he mid, are as loyal as others and are buying unusually large amounts of liberty bonds.

Text Wilson's Letter.

The president's letter follows: 'My Dear Senator-Thank you for your letter of yesterday, I am heartily obliged to you for consulting me about the court-martial bill, as perhaps I may call it for short. I am wholly an unalter-ably opposed to such ogislation and very much value the oppor-tunity you give me to say so. I think it is not only unconstitu-tions, but that, in character, 4t would put us nearly upon the level of the very people we are fighting and affecting to despise. It would be altogether inconstatent with the spirit and practice of America. and, in view of the recent legisla tion, the espionage bill, the sabotage bill and the woman spy bill, I think it is unnecessary and

uncalled for. "I take the liberty, my dear Senator, of expressing myself in this emphatic way because my feeling in very deep about the matter, as I gather your own is.

"It is admirable the way you have been handling these impor-tant bills, and I thank you with all my heart for standing by the bills which bear your name without any compromise of any kind. "It gives me the great, satisfaction to tell how much I have appreciated what you have been

Cordially and sincerely yours, "WOODROW WILSON."

### Action on Italian **Battle Line Desultory**

Rome, April 27 - Desultory artiflery in the country was the declaration. 'In Macedonia at down on the 20th is embarrassed by the obstinacy of here today of Mab Eastman, editor of linet, under the effective cover of arith. both Turkey and Bulgaria. Sweden The weather? Fair Masses, on trial in the United States inflicted heavy toners on German additive court on charges of toneping vanced posts, one of which was decrease a larger Finnish state, reaching.

(Associated Press.)

# **OPERATIONS OF LOCAL KIND END WELL FOR ALLIES**

Gains Made at Robecq at Tip of Flanders Salient and on Somme Front.

POSITIONS ARE IMPROVED

Near Villers-Bretonneux and Albert.

Artillery of Both Sides Active. Huns Shell English Posts in Lens Sector.

(Associated Press.) London April 22.-The Sritish advanced their lines slightly last night in local operations on both of the principal battle fronts, the

war office announces. Gains were made near Villers-Bretonneux and Albert on Somme front and Robecq at the tip of the Flanders salient. A strong local attack by the

Germans on the front north of Albert was repulsed after the enemy had captured one of the British advanced posts. The statement follows: "Early in the night a strong local attack accompanied by heavy shelling was made by the enemy against our positions in the neighborhood of Mesnil, north of Albert. After sharp fighting in the course of which the enemy succeeded in capturing one of our advanced posts the attack was re-

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Positions Improved. "We improved our position slightly inting the night in the Villers Bresmeux. Albert and Robert street," A number of successful raids were "A number of successful raids were at different points." carried out by us at different points south and north of Lens, resulting in the capture of prisoners and machine

There has been considerable artif-

# TAKE CONTROL OF IRISH RAILWAYS

Military Authorities Assume the Chief Roads, Postoffices. Telephone Exchange.

(Associated Press.)

London, April 22.—The military authorities have taken over control of the principal Irish railways, the postoffices and telephone exchanges, according to the correspondent at Cork of the Daily Chronicle. It is added that the police on Saturday removed all arms and ammunition from gunamiths' houses in Dublin, where it is reported similar action will be (Associated Press.) is reported similar action taken throughout Ireland.

#### MUST CLEAN UP VICE Or Get Out, Philadelphia Police Are Told.

(International News Service.)

Philadelphia, April 22.-"You men nen in uniform, or get out," These instructions were given to police captains and lieutenants, called to city hall today by Acting Superin-tendent of Police Mills. Mr. Mills said that he was here to clean up the city and told the captains and lieupay any political assessments.

Capt. Mills was appointed to his position Saturday with instructions to assume charge of the vacancy made

### who starts on a "vacation" given him by Mayor, Smith, Diplomatic Relations of Central Empires Strained

by the resignation of Supt. Robinson.

(International News Service.) Washington, April 22.—The diplo-natic relations of the central empires appear to be very much strained, acternoon from Rome. Turkey demands Adrianapolis of Hulgaria in order to catablish territorial equilibrium in the Balkans, and Bulgaria claims the en-tire Dobrudja and opposes the annexation of Bessarabia, the dispatches say. They further say that Germany